



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm,
7:30am 9:30am,
11:30am (Not Dec. 24)

Weekday : 12/26-12/30

Mon :Christmas - See inside

Tue.: 8:00am Mass

Wed.: 8:00am Mass

Thu.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.

9:00am NO MASS

6:30pm Mass

Fri.: 8:00am Mass

Sat. 9:00am Mass

Confessions –see inside

Adoration of Blessed

Sacrament takes place after
8:00am Mass Tuesday until
4:00pm and Thursday until
8:00pm with Reposition.
No Adoration on Dec. 26.

The Church is open Monday -
Sunday 7:00am to 8:00pm.

OLV Online Giving: go to
www.ourladyofvictory.com
and click on the link
<https://abundant.co/olvsc> to
give online.

- Text Giving: Text OLVSC
to 73256.

- Use the Abundant App,
which you can download on
your smartphone.

- Scan QR code



You are now
able to give to
School,
Maintenance,
Twin Parish
Mission, Debt
Reduction, Christmas &
Easter online.

December 23 & 24, 2023

The Nativity of the Lord



Students from Our Lady of Victory Catholic School performed their Christmas concert on December 13.

Office Phone

814-237-7832

Church Website:

www.ourladyofvictory.com

Church E-mail:

office@ourladyofvictory.com

School

814-238-1592

Preschool

814-238-6616

School/Preschool Website

www.olvcatholicschool.org

Diocesan Website

www.ajdiocese.org

OLV Prayer Network

prayer@ourladyofvictory.com

Flocknote: Are you signed up for **Flocknote**? If not, you may be missing out on important announcements from Our Lady of Victory. This is the quickest and most effective way to get up-to-date OLV news to you. If you are not getting flocknote emails, we may not have your email address on record at the Church. To sign up, go to <https://ourladyofvictory10.flocknote.com/OLVParishioner>.

Parish Staff - (814) 237-7832

Pastor, Fr. George Jakopac gjakopac@dioceseaj.org
Deacon David Lapinski dclfl@ourladyofvictory.com
Secretary, Betty Gummo
Secretary, Diane Lapinski
Director of Religious Education, Anne Bord
Director of Development, Chris Kirkpatrick
Director of OCIA, Mary Ann Spychalski
Director of Music, Joe Malafarina
Principal, Samantha Weakland - (814) 238-1592
Pre-School Administrator, Jennifer Rogan - (814) 238-6616

Secretaries' Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30-4pm
(Please try to correspond by phone, email or regular mail)

Bulletin Notice

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on Diane's desk no later than Monday, 4:00pm.

Baptism

Sundays, 1:00pm, with arrangements having been made previously by contacting Diane.

Marriage

Diocesan Regulations require nine months prior notice. Contact Betty, the Secretary.

Sacrament of Penance: Thursdays at 5:30pm - 6:00pm,
Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm and 6:00-6:30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays following 8:00am Mass,
with Reposition at 4:00pm and Thursdays, following the 9:00am
Mass with Reposition at 8:00pm. Ends at Noon on Dec. 12.



**Are You or Someone You Know
Interested in Becoming a Catholic?**

**Are You an Adult Catholic Seeking
Confirmation?**

If you are interested, please email the Office of
Christian Initiation of Adults:
becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com.

Please contact us at the above email to let us know
if you are interested.

Dec. 17: Bulletin was submitted early. No collection
information at this time.

Hospital Stay - Call the Church Office at 237-7832 if
you are or will be a patient at Mount Nittany Medical
Center and wish the Eucharist brought to you. This
facility does not notify us, so you or your family must
call the church.

Please Remember In Your Prayers Joseph
Lambert, Stanley Yecina and Mary Smolarczyk.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Mon., December 25

7:30am - † Charles Schneider by Laura
Schneider

9:30am - † Beverly English by husband,
Frank

Tues., December 26

8:00am - † Josephine Walter by Mary Ellen
Bucknavage

No Adoration

Wed., December 27

8:00am - † Dan Infield by The Haney
Family

Thurs., December 28

8:00am - Communion Service

6:30pm - † Ryan Russell by Wincek Family
**Confessions at 5:30pm. Adoration ends at
8:00pm.**

Friday, December 29

8:00am - † Joseph Hart III by Mary Alice
Newnam

Sat., December 30

9:00am - Funeral Mass for Mary
Smolarczyk

5:00pm - † Judy Holtz by John Holtz

Sun., December 31

7:30am - † Ruth Hauser by Steve &
Roberta Milillo

9:30am - Ints. Carmelite Nuns of Wisconsin
By Connie D. Randolph

11:30am - † John Janik by Joan & Bill
Merza & Children



Christmas: The Church office will be
closed through Tuesday, December 26
in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
The office will reopen for regular hours
on Wednesday, December 27.



OLV Christmas Masses:

(All Masses are in the Church only)

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24

4:00pm

6:30pm Children's Nativity & Mass

9:00pm Mass (in the Church) Carols before
Mass at 8:30pm

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

7:30am & 9:30am (no 11:30am Mass)

Solemnity of Mary (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Sunday, Dec. 31- **No Vigil Mass**

Monday, January 1 8:00am & 10:00am



Christmas Message from Fr. George:

I feel so blessed this Christmas to have
the privilege of being Pastor here at
OLV.

In this changing world, our faith keeps us
balanced.

We have a special gift here and so many
strong Catholics.

May you have a Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

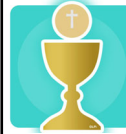


MARCH for LIFE

March For Life Bus Trip—

Friday, January 19, 2024
(Space Limited)

Our Lady of Victory is taking
reservations for the 2024 "March for Life" Bus
Trip to Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 19. Our
pick-up location will be at Good Shepherd
Catholic Church, 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port
Matilda, PA. The cost is Youth 18 and younger
\$10; PSU Students and Adults \$15; and Family
\$30. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of
Victory, (March for Life in memo line), 820
Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. If
you would like to attend, please contact the OLV
Parish Office to make a reservation. Waivers and
payment are due by **January 5**. For any
additional questions please call Chris Kirkpatrick,
OLV Office at 814-237-7832 or
email chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com. The Penn
State Students for Life have been invited to carry
the Banner and lead the March for Life this
year. Hopefully we will all be able to follow them
at the front of the March.



Mark Your Calendars for the next First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour:

Friday, January 5, 6:00pm to 7:00pm
in OLV Church. Eucharistic Adoration
begins at 6:00pm with private
adoration and some musical meditation, followed
by Evening prayer and Benediction.

End-of-the-Year Charitable Giving 2023

During this season of giving, please
remember Our Lady of Victory. Your financial
support is essential in helping us as we
experience the rising costs in utilities and other
areas of our ministries.

Ease your tax burden while benefitting Our Lady
of Victory

Over 70 ½: Take advantage of the
Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your
IRA: If you are over age 70½, you may transfer,
tax-free, up to \$100,000 from your IRAs to OLV.
The gift can satisfy your required minimum
distribution (RMD) each year AND does not
count as income to you! When the transfer is
processed directly to OLV, you do not pay taxes
on the distribution. Contact your IRA Trustee or
Financial Advisor for paperwork to process this
distribution directly to OLV.

Please contact Chris Kirkpatrick
at chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or 814-237-7832
with any questions.



Jesus and the EUCHARIST

A SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Monday evenings at 7PM
Gardiner Social Hall
February 5 – March 18



Refreshments will be served. Make this part of your
Lenten spiritual journey!



eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist



OLV Catholic School

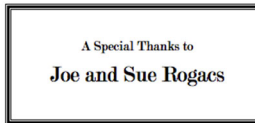
Give Your Child A Complete Education

(Pre-K through Middle School) offers:

Academic Excellence Self-Discipline Passion for Charity
Catholic Values Leadership

New Student Enrollment is Now Open. Call 814-238-1592 to schedule a tour. Apply online at www.olvcatholicsschool.org.





OLV Preschool: Please visit our website <https://www.olvcatholicsschool.org/domain/173> for program and registration information.

Part Time Middle School Math Teacher: Beginning January 2; two periods each day. (long term substitute until the end of the year) Elementary or Math certification desired. Join the OLVCS faculty & Staff in a friendly, warm and supportive environment. All interested candidates contact Samantha Weakland weaklands@olvcs.org or 814.238.1592.



It's easy to earn cash for OLVCS by shopping at Weis. Next time you are getting groceries at Weis, just

have the cashier scan your Weis card AND this code: That's it! Now a percentage of your purchase price will go to OLVCS! Please tell others--friends, neighbors, and relatives--to do the same...and THANK YOU!



Collecting Box Tops has always been a great way to earn money for our school and now it is even easier! Just download the BoxTops for Education APP on your phone and select Our Lady of Victory School. Once the app is up and running, you can scan your receipts easily or send copies of digital receipts. We could really use your support so download the App today and start scanning. Visit <https://boxtops4education.com> for more information.

SAINT JOSEPH'S BASKETBALL CLINIC

SATURDAYS IN JANUARY, 9 - 10AM

- Boys in Grades 1 - 6
- Improve Skills
- Gain Confidence
- Have Fun

ONLY \$35
FOR FOUR SESSIONS
IF REGISTERED BY DEC. 31



REGISTER AT WWW.STJOEACAD.ORG

Sign Up NOW for Junior WolfPack Clinic: All boys in grades 1 - 6 are invited to join in the Saint Joseph's Junior WolfPack Basketball Clinic. Takes place **All Saturdays in January** (Jan 6, 13, 20, and 27), **9am to 10:00am** in the SJCA gymnasium. **Only \$35 if signed up by December 31.** More info and registration at <https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/boys-basketball-clinic/>



Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Come to Saint Joe's - To schedule a tour, Meet and Greet with students and faculty, find out more about the affordability of tuition, and to see Saint Joe's "in action," please email Principal Anna Rupprecht at arupprecht@sjacademy.org.

Turn your personal or business PA. Income Taxes into OLV Scholarships: WE NEED YOUR HELP: Many families and their children need tuition assistance to attend Our Lady of Victory Catholic Preschool thru Middle School. *Individuals/households* with an annual income of \$115,000 or PA personal income tax liability of \$3,500+ annually qualify to participate in the **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program.** *Businesses* that qualify to get their taxes back are C-Corporations and owners of Subchapter S-Corporations, LLCs, LPs, LLPs and Partnerships. If you are in the position to help by directing your PA Income tax through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit EITC program to OLV please contact Chris Kirkpatrick at chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or 814-237-7832 ext. 404.

Religious Education News (CCD)

Protecting God's Children Lessons: A program for children presented by Lesson Leaders, each lesson includes an age-appropriate video component along with engaging learning activities. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their safety rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them. These lessons will be taught to our CCD students, **THIS WEEK** on **Dec. 10th**. Please check your email for more information on these lessons.

Fifth and Sixth Grade will host Mass on Dec. 17 at 11:30am.

11th Grade Confirmation: The next class is January 7 at 1:15pm.

CCD Christmas Break: There will be no CCD on December 24 and 31 due to the Christmas break



OLV Youth Groups will not meet on December 26 nor January 2.

Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8) meets weekly on Tuesdays in the Activities Center Library from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Contact Cecilia at middleschoolyg@gmail.com with any questions.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) - Starting in January, the HS Youth Group will meet on Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, in the basement (Youth Room) of the Activities Center. Young people are encouraged to attend the 6:30 PM Mass beforehand if they can. Join us for fun and fellowship! Contact Nick at highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com with any questions.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (OLV Conference) and our Thrift Store volunteers are indeed grateful for the substantial support many of you provide in donating items to the Store, for your monetary contributions to the Society's mission, and to those of you who shop with us. Thanks to this generosity, the Society is able to help approximately 150 adults and children every month. The Thrift Store will be closed in celebration of Christmas from Saturday, December 23 through Monday, January 1. We wish all of our customers, donors, and volunteers a Blessed Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Formed.org: Watch "The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas." Join Catholic scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story.

To sign up for Formed, go to Formed.org/signup: enter our zip code (16801) and select Our Lady of Victory. Formed also has an app and is also available on Apple TV and Roku.



Every Day Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments: The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Blood Drive: Help our Confirmation Track Students give life to others when you sign up to participate in their Blood Drive! It will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9:00am-2:00pm in the OLV Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall.

Register ahead of time for speedy check-in: redcrossblood.org.

Search for OLVconfirmation and choose a time to donate. Thank you for your consideration and help support our CCD students!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on **Tuesdays**, 8:30am (and ends with Reposition at 4pm), and **Thursdays**, 10:00am and ends with Reposition at 8:00pm. No Adoration on Tuesday, December 26. Please consider spending time with Him, If you cannot commit to every week at a specified time, please consider volunteering to be a substitute for Adorers who cannot attend during their scheduled time. Please call or email the church office at office@ourladyofvictory.com to be added to our adoration schedule as a committed or substitute adorer.



Children's Holy Hour, Tuesdays 10:30am to 11:30am during Adoration. This gives the children of the parish the opportunity to come to adore our Lord. If you are looking for a very quiet hour of Adoration, it would be best to look to come another time.



CMD - We have exceeded our goal of \$155,213! \$209,303 has been pledged with 519 donors and monies received will be returned to

OLV for our use. Thank you to M/M M. Geleskie, M/M J. Kehoe, and M/M R. Ondo.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **SK SWIFT KENNEDY Employee Benefits**, this bulletin could not be possible. Be sure to remember them when you need their services.

If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact Mike McAleer at (412) 855-8013 or via e-mail to mmcaleer@4lpi.com.

New Lector Workbooks are available in the Sacristy. Please sign your name when you take one.



Gabriel Project: The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy. It is the goal of the Gabriel Project to help such women with all their practical needs, as well as offering them unconditional love in an apostolate of friendship throughout their pregnancy. There is a need of newborn clothes (up to 6 months) and newborn items such as onesies, sleepers, baby wipes, shampoo, etc. Due to liability, we cannot accept used toys, strollers, cribs, or baby formula. Thank you very much for your support for these families. For more information about the Gabriel Project, please call 814-867-5511. For monetary donations, please place them in the Sunday collection, or mail them to Betty Gummo, c/o Our Lady of Victory Church, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. A check made out to "OLV/The Gabriel Project (a 501c3 non-profit)" can be used as a tax deduction.



Share in the gift of WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM this Christmas!

Enjoy special Christmas programming beginning on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm and continuing throughout the octave season. God bless you for prayerfully considering a year-end contribution to support our spiritual work of mercy. Our 501(c)3 organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers at Christmas.

The Rosary is prayed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 8:25am, Thursday & Friday at 7:25am and Saturday, at 8:25am.

Job Seekers: There are various openings available throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Log on to www.dioceseaj.org/careers to see the openings and to apply.



Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City March 2-7, 2024. Please join

Xhonane Olivas and her family in a pilgrimage to Mexico City, which is designed to give you an experience that will offer opportunities for meditation, prayer, sacrifice, and spiritual growth. We start with preparation so that when you get there, you can see Our Lady's image through Saint Juan Diego's eyes! We pray that this pilgrimage will be a **life-changing experience** for you! For information on costs and other details, please visit <https://arealpilgrimageolg.blogspot.com/p/pilgrimage-to-basilica-of-our-lady-of.html>



Father O'Hanlon Council #4678

State College Knights of Columbus

"Knights Notes" :

Please check www.kc4678.com for Calendar of Events.

Council Meetings - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, **7:00pm.**

OLV Activities Center - Fr. O'Hanlon Room (basement)
at 820 Westerly Parkway

Blood Donations: Check: redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801

Knights Dad Joke:

What did Adam say when he was asked his favorite holiday? "It's Christmas, Eve."

Want to be part of the brotherhood? Please ask a Knight or send an email to info@kc4678.com. COME AND SEE!

On the Web:

K of C webpage: www.kc4678.com

K of C Facebook: www.facebook.com/KCCouncil4678



Women of Grace® Study Program

— Update: We have started our Monday afternoon from noon to 2:00pm in the OLV Activities Center and we have added an evening class that started Wednesday, Nov. 29, that will end on February 7, right before Ash Wednesday and Johnnette is here to speak to the Parish. If you are still interested in the evening W.O.G. class, please contact Karen Kearney as soon as possible at kearneyt1@comcast.net or call 814-883-4588, so she can get the materials that you will need. We will transform the world one woman at a time. Join us and see who God created you "For Such A Time as This". God needs YOU!

Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto, 2023 Christmas Concert.

All are invited to "A New and Glorious Morn!", a night of Christmas music performed by the Basilica Choir and the St. Michael Children's Choir on Wednesday, December 27, at 6:00pm, at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto, PA.



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
WELCOMES



*Johnnette
Williams*

SPEAKER, AUTHOR &
EWTN Host

Friday, Feb. 16, 2024

Parish-Wide Talk

7:00 - 8:00 pm

in the church

Following Stations of
the Cross at 6:30 pm

Free of charge

Saturday, Feb. 17th, 2024

Catholic Women's Conference

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mass followed by Conference

Registration: \$30

Includes a light breakfast
& lunch

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801



PLEASE CONTACT

MELANIE SMITH FOR DETAILS:

MELANIE.YONUSHONIS@GMAIL.COM

[HTTPS://FLRAGWVH.PAPERFORM.CO](https://flragwvh.paperform.co)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

WALK-INS WELCOME!



Benefit Breakfast: There will be a breakfast benefitting Fr. Ralph Mensah's Holy Name of Mary Academy in Ghana on Sunday, January 7 from 8:30am-Noon. It will be held at St. John's Catholic School, 116 E. Bishop St., Bellefonte and the cost is \$10 for dine-in or carry out. The menu includes: Cheesy scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, bacon, toast, and water, juice and coffee. This is a joint venture between the Bellefonte and State College Knights. Fr. Ralph will be present and he'll share how our support continues to change lives.

Catholic CDs: Have you checked out the CD rack in the back of the Church?



Christmas Memorial Poinsettias 2023 - Donations for poinsettias in memory of loved ones can be made during this Advent season by filling out the form below and dropping it off in the mail slot or the collection basket. Memorials will be published in the bulletin after the holidays.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

Address: _____

Donation Amount: _____